



Second Presbyterian Church

We are . . .
a family of Christians,
called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE AND LOVE,
to care for one another,
AND TO SERVE JESUS CHRIST
in our community and throughout the world.

For those desiring childcare, the nursery is available during the service for children five years of age and younger. In addition, there is a “family room” available at the back of the sanctuary.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request form (found in the friendship register) and place it in the offering plate. We will include your request in the bulletin for a month, unless you request for us to leave it in longer.

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Our pastor since 2010, Dr. Craig Wansink received his Ph.D. in New Testament from Yale University, after having graduated from seminary in Chicago, and having studied at universities in Japan, Jordan, Germany, and Israel. Since 1993 he has been a Professor of Religious Studies at Virginia Wesleyan University, where he also serves as the Joan P. and Macon F. Brock, Jr. Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom. Craig is married to Nancy Chapman, and his two children — Katrina and Teddy — are college students.

Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe, our Covenant Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Spiritual Formation, received her M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Catherine also serves as the chaplain for University Presbyterian Ministries at Old Dominion University. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Norfolk with their three children, Whitley, Hart, and Alden.

Isaac Thomas, our Pastor of Music, Outreach, and Technology, joined the SPC staff in 2014. He received his education at John Brown University and the University of Texas at Arlington. He is a published composer and has served as conductor for contemporary Christian recording artists Twila Paris and Fernando Ortega. He is a graduate of Dubuque Theological Seminary via the Commissioned Lay Pastor program. Additionally, he completed a six-week piano course through The Juilliard School under the instruction of Dr. Michael Shinn, Chair of Keyboard Studies.

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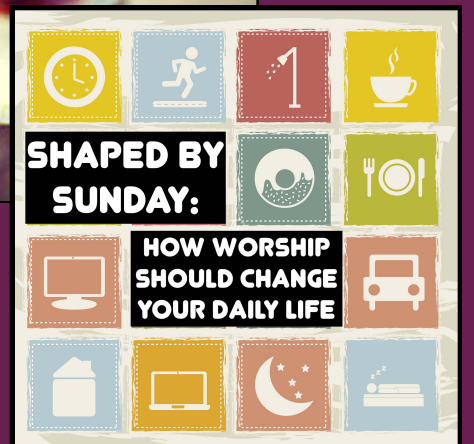
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TAKE.

**FEB. 3 “BEYOND THE PRESENT:
EMBRACING THE PAST
IN CLAIMING THE FUTURE”
1 COR. 11:21–32**

IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME



— *We Gather in God’s Name* —

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

RINGING THE CHIMES

PRELUDE “Wonderful Words of Life” (In the setting of Robert Schumann’s *Reaper Song*)

—Music by Philip P. Bliss; Arranged by Cindy Berry

Peggy Troyer, Piano

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy, or sorrow, in this place we all are family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

“When everything is dark, when we are surrounded by despairing voices, when we do not see any exits, then we can find salvation in a remembered love, a love which is not simply a recollection of a bygone past but a living force which sustains us in the present. Through memory, love transcends the limits of time and offers hope at any moment of our lives.”
—Henri Nouwen

CALL TO WORSHIP

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.
A meal of bread and wine.
The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.
The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.
As we break the bread and share the cup,
our understanding may fail us.
But we will never forget Christ’s example.
We will never forget the full extent of his love.
Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.
Let us worship God with joy!

OPENING PRAYER

God of the past, accept the people we have been, and the baggage we drag behind us.
God of the present, accept the people we are now, and the potential that lies within us.
God of the future, accept the people we could be, and by your Spirit transform us.

*HYMN # 251 (vv. 1, 2, 3, & 4) “The Church’s One Foundation”

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak.
When we have failed to serve as Jesus served...**forgive us.**
When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us...**forgive us.**
When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips,
but then we have denied him by our actions...**forgive us.**
Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you at all times,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*MUSICAL RESPONSE # 642 (vv. 1 & 2) “Forgive Us, Lord ”

—Words based on Ezekiel 36:25-26; Music by Jorge Lockward

ALL: <i>Forgive us, Lord.</i>	CHOIR: <i>For all the world’s in justice.</i>	ALL: <i>Forgive us, Lord.</i>
ALL: <i>Forgive us, Lord.</i>	CHOIR: <i>For all of our indifference.</i>	ALL: <i>Forgive, us Lord.</i>
ALL: <i>Forgive us, Lord.</i>	CHOIR: <i>We’re shackled by our habits.</i>	ALL: <i>Forgive, us Lord.</i>
ALL: <i>Forgive us, Lord.</i>	CHOIR: <i>We’re chained to disobedience.</i>	ALL: <i>Forgive, us Lord. (2x)</i>

*WORDS OF GRACE

The good news is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

— We Hear the Word —

TIME OF DISCOVERY “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

—Words by C.H. Woolston and Jospheh Barlowe; Music by George F. Root

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red, brown, yellow, black, and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

CHORAL ANTHEM “The Glory of the Father”

—Words adapted from John 1; Music by Egil Hovland

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to his own and his own received him not. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (page 163; large print, page 204)
1 Corinthians 11:21-32 (page 173-174; large print, page 211)

SERMON

“Beyond the Present: Embracing the Past in Claiming the Future”
—Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe

HYMN # 863 (vv. 1, 2, 3, & 4) “Take My Life and Let it Be”

— We Respond to God’s Word —

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”—Music from *Musica Sacra*, 1778

*THE DOXOLOGY #965 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

—Words by Thomas Ken; Music by Louis Bourgeois

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (See Insert)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are invited to come down the center aisle, take bread (or a gluten-free cracker),
and dip it in the cup (grape juice), and return using the outside aisle.
Please tell an usher if you wish to be served in your pew.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

(In the setting of G.F. Händel’s “Largo” from *Xerxes*)

—Music by Jesse Seymour Irvine; Arranged by Cindy Berry

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN # 268 (vv. 1, 2, & 5) “In Christ There is No East or West”

— We Are Sent in Christ’s Name —

*BENEDICTION

Jesus has set an example for us: to serve others as he has served us,
and to love one another as he has loved us, so everyone can tell that we are his disciples.
And now, go in peace and serve the Lord! **Amen.**

POSTLUDE “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”—Traditional Welsh Melody (*The Ash Grove*)

“As soon as you have a language that has a past tense and a future tense you're going to say, 'Where did we come from, what happens next?' The ability to remember the past helps us plan the future.”
—Margaret Atwood

“Holy Communion is offered to all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in him, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through his mercy. Amen.”
—Karl Barth

As you receive the elements, you may wish to receive them in silence or say words like “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”

When Jesus wanted to explain to his disciples what his death was all about, he didn't give them a theory, he gave them a meal.”
—N. T. Wright

As you leave
Second, live each day by leaving a meaningful legacy for your life: be rich toward God.